



City of Gaithersburg Press Release

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Gaithersburg Celebrates Financial Literacy Month

Gaithersburg, Md. (March 29, 2019) Financial health and wellness are the cornerstones of success, and the City of Gaithersburg, through its Bank On Gaithersburg initiative and the work of its Financial Wellness Coalition, are providing opportunities for all of its residents to enhance their budgeting and money management skills, secure employment, and open no- and low-cost bank accounts to grow their money and keep it safe.

While programs take place throughout the year, National Financial Literacy Month in April provides the opportunity for the City of Gaithersburg to highlight some of its popular, free offerings.

- Free income tax preparation is available through the VITA program to those with household incomes of \$55,000 or less. Volunteers will help prepare tax returns and can assist with Earned Income Tax Credits. Financial institutions are on hand to assist with opening bank accounts for easy and convenient direct deposit of refunds. Hours are Mondays, 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. through April 15. Appointments are required. Call 240-777-1123.
- Free one-on-one financial coaching, vocational workshops, and one-on-one vocational counseling are available through partnerships the City maintains with several nonprofit organizations.
- The City of Gaithersburg is hosting the 2019 CAFÉ Montgomery Financial Capability Symposium on Wednesday, April 10 from 8:30 a.m. to Noon at the Activity Center at Bohrer Park. The symposium is designed to help local providers enhance their abilities to provide services to residents of Montgomery County. The event is free; registration is required. Register on [Eventbrite](#).
- The highlight of the month is “Road Map to Success,” a Bank On Gaithersburg 10 year anniversary celebration featuring *The Washington Post* financial columnist Michelle Singletary. This free, fun-filled financial empowerment event includes a job fair, housing, vocational and financial resources, activities for youth, and prizes. Child care is available with advance registration [here](#). “Road Map to Success” takes place on Saturday, April 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the auditorium at Gaithersburg High School.

To learn more about counseling opportunities and workshops, free tax preparation, and the Road Map to Success event, contact the City of Gaithersburg Community Services Division at 301-258-6395 or visit www.gaithersburgmd.gov.

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